



2022 | Q4

OCTOBER

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

 **3 Prospects**  **3.5 Projects**

- **Prospect Grinds:** issues with property apron and state roads; meeting with DOTD/ owners
- **Prospect Premiere:** pause for company's holiday priorities
- **Prospect Polywaf:** property survey for city/private land ownership; developer reviewing
- **Project Corridor:** council approval; idea bank; property tours; next step is council vote
- **Project Transport:** presentation to city council, seeking regional input/assistance for funding
- ***Project Carb:** assistance with obtaining liquor license and social media planning/photos
- ***Project Gas:** local company expanding to include new department and services; incentives
- **Businesses Opened: Campbell's Grocery, Gueydan; Tito's LaCasa, Abbeville

EXISTING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

- Acadiana Planning Commission - Retail Strategies Meeting via Opportunity Zones
- Rue de Cafe' facility visit and business assistance
- Meeting with (2) local rice farmers to discuss needs of the industry
- Meeting with City of Abbeville to discuss road projects with DOTD
- VEDA/Acadian Contractors meeting to plan and discuss upcoming events
- Harbor Refuge Meeting with LA Sea Grant and Omega Protein

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Vermilion Parish School Board Student Career Fair & Expo
- Federal, State, and Local CWPPRA representatives to discuss Vermilion in PPL 33
- Nehemiah Projects of Acadiana meeting discussing business assistance, growth opportunities
- LA Sea Grant/LSU AgCenter Fisheries Tour with U.S. Coast Guard Commander and staff
- Grand Reveil Acadien opening day event
- Council meetings: City of Abbeville & Kaplan Council Meeting, introduction/presentation
- Community Meetings: Abbeville Harbor and Terminal, Farm Bureau Federation
- Abbeville Rotary Club Luncheon with speaker Ralph Libersat
- Crawfish Haven visitation and letter of support for Louey Awards
- Teche Vermilion Fresh Water District Annual Inspection Meeting

DEDICATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

- VEDA Funding Committee: Discussed alternative long-term funding opportunities
- VEDA upcoming year's budget review
- VEDA workforce development committee meeting to prioritize attendees and plan gathering
- Leadership Vermilion: First Session, Emergenetics
- Marketing Success Season Webinar Series
- One Acadiana Q3 Business and Site Development Committee Meeting
- Vermilion Coastal Master Plan Meeting Planning with Ralph Libersat and Todd Vincent